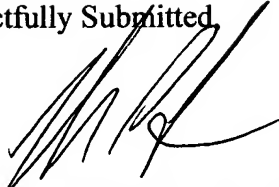


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. **Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph** – The Examiner rejected claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. In response, claim 24 has been canceled.
2. **Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)** – The Examiner rejected claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the reference of Smith. In response, claim 24 has been canceled.
3. **Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)** – Claims 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the reference of Smith in view of Harmon. In response, claims 22 and 23 have been canceled.
4. **Allowable Claims** – Claims 8 and 9 were deemed allowable by the Examiner. The undersigned acknowledges these allowances, and requests that the Examiner issue a notice of allowance for the present case, forthwith.
5. The undersigned, an attorney licensed to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office requests that the examiner find the present application in a condition for allowance, and any questions regarding this response to be directed to the undersigned attorney at (916) 441-2234.

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Respectfully Submitted

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